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## CATTLE ON FEED

### COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 1,070,000 head on February 1, 2011. The latest inventory was down 1 percent from January 1, 2011, but up 11 percent from the previous year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 190,000 head of fed cattle during January 2011. This was 15 percent above December 2010 marketings of 165,000 head and up 12 percent from a year ago. An estimated 185,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during January 2011, 42 percent above a year ago and 16 percent above December 2010 placements of 160,000. Of the number placed in January, 14 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 27 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 35 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 24 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for January was estimated at 5,000 head, down 5,000 head from last year, but even with last month.

### UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on February 1, 2011. The inventory was 6 percent above February 1, 2010. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.90 million, 4 percent above 2010. Net placements were 1.84 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 465,000, 600-699 pounds were 475,000, 700-799 pounds were 547,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 410,000. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.78 million, slightly above 2010. Other disappearance totaled 56,000 during January, 20 percent below 2010. This is the lowest other disappearance for the month of January since the series began in 1996.